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In re Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 2879
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<b>Based on</b> Serial No. 09/866,651	)	
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For: DEVICE FOR INSPECTING	)	
ELEMENT SUBSTRATES AND	)	
METHOD OF INSPECTION USING	)	
THE DEVICE	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.